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NOTICE TO INTERVENORS

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Beginning with MC96-2, the Postal Rate Commission embarked on an effort to experiment with the electronic filing of case-related documents. A substantial number of intervenors participated in the experiment with varying results. Some had transmission problems, some had computer hardware problems, and some had compatibility and corrupt file problems. While the Commission was able to solve or resolve most of these problems, some of them still remain. In addition, the recent overload on the Internet has made e-mail transmissions unreliable. Thus, the Commission has decided that as of today, Tuesday, February 4, 1997, it will suspend the filing of documents by e-mail.

The Commission, however, hopes to continue electronic communication and is studying new technologies in the hope that electronic communication between the Commission and intervenors will become a workable reality in the near future. Pursuant to these efforts, the Commission is adopting as a standard type font Arial 12, which is the most compatible with the Commission's current and future electronic needs.

Therefore, with respect to filings in docketed cases, parties now are advised to proceed as follows:

1. Consistent with past practices, parties choosing hard copy filing should send 1 (one) original and 24 (twenty-four) hard copies of each filing to the Commission's docket room.
2. For those with the capacity to use diskettes, diskettes will continue to be accepted at the Commission **so long** as the copy is typed in Arial 12 and copied in either Word Perfect 5.1 or any version of Word. If sending a diskette, the party need file only 1 (one) original and 3 (three) hard copies with the Commission. In addition, all material sent by diskette in the required format will be placed on the Commission's Home Page (www.prc.gov).
3. All documents filed by the Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate will be served in hard copy and be placed on the Commission's Home Page. The Commission's Daily Listing of Documents Received will also be placed on the Home Page. Documents of excessive length will be zipped and downloading instructions will be included with such files.
4. For those having questions about electronic operations, the Commission's computer administrator, Brenda Lamka, can be reached at 202-789-6873.

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